

RALEIGH IN BRIEF.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THE CAPITAL.

Short Items of News Gathered on the Fly by the Chronicle's Reporters.

Just one more day:

The A. and M. college will re-open on January 3rd.

The crackers, baby wakers, horns &c have already begun to take possession of the situation.

If the clouds do not come, Christmas will have the advantage of glorious moonlight nights.

Quite a number of the members of the institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind left yesterday for a visit to their respective homes.

Buzz and bustle and rush and vim! The clerks in all the stores are ready to declare every night that they were never so tired before in all their lives.

Five couples yesterday concluded that neither man nor woman should live alone, and the result was the issuing of five marriage licenses by the register of deeds.

Street Commissioner Blake was yesterday busily engaged in making surveys and measurements for street paving on the streets running to and around the new depot site.

The Raleigh and Gaston railroad has just completed a pretty site for the erection of a handsome building in which will be the office of train despatcher; superintendent of telegraph, &c &c.

Don't carry the gun in your hand. The far and away safest position is on your shoulder, with the rib facing downward. This position is, of course, for such times as when you do not expect to use the gun very often. At other times carry it on the arm, muzzle pointing front. When standing and waiting for birds or game, rest the butt against the right thigh, muzzles up.

ONE MORE MAN NEEDED.

A Positive and Unnecessary Inconvenience at the Postoffice—Which Ought to Be Remedied.

At least one more man is needed on the force in the U. S. postoffice here.

It is a large office, and through it comes the mail for twenty thousand people, or more.

Among that twenty thousand there are those who cannot always find it convenient to call at the office at any stated hour. There are many who have little time to spare, and who are greatly inconvenienced if they go to the office for their mail and find that the delivery clerk's office is closed for perhaps an hour or more. They cannot wait. They can have no assurance as to when the delivery office will be open, for the mails do not always arrive regularly, and under the present regime that office is always closed when the mails arrive in order that the delivery clerk may help in the work of distribution. There are, perhaps, twenty mails arriving every day, and if the delivery office is closed on the arrival of each mail, it is readily seen that there is precious little time during which the general delivery is open. Following this is the inconvenience and irritation to people who go to the office and find that they must either wait, or come again, or go without their mail; and in truth they cannot tell when to "come again," for as above stated mail trains are not always regular. And the general delivery must be closed now on the arrival of each mail.

The general delivery ought to be open at all hours. There is too much inconvenience and botheration attendant upon its closing at any time of the day. The CHRONICLE hopes that Col. Shaffer may take up this matter and that he may be able to induce the postoffice department to make an addition to the postoffice force which will permit that general delivery department to be kept open from morning till night.

At the Theatre.

R. D. McLean and Marie Prescott, who appeared in the famous play "Spartacus" last night, were greeted by a select audience. Both had been here before, and by reason of the marked ability shown on former occasions, the Raleigh people expected much. They were not disappointed.

It may be interesting to note that "Spartacus" is known as the great prize play.

The English government put up a prize of \$5,000 for the best play on the subject of gladiators, many years ago. Dr. Montgomery's "Spartacus" won it. There are many strong and thrilling situations in the play, into all of which McLean seemed to have the power to merge himself completely.

When an actor makes his audience feel and thrill, he is attaining to the perfection of acting; and this is what Mr. McLean did last night. Seldom does a Raleigh audience have the opportunity of witnessing such excellent acting.

Last night he was at his best and charmed his audience by his high tragedy. He is only equalled when he personates Shylock in the Merchant of Venice.

Marie Prescott, who played the part of Senona, wife of Spartacus, had comparatively little work to present; but when she appeared it was with all the naturalness and womanly power that the situation demanded. The play could not be comprehended in a short resume. It is interesting, powerful in some of its scenic effects, and delighted the audience. The company as a whole is quite good.

In a modern theatre the acting would show to even greater advantage. Every one present last night was again impressed with Raleigh's need for a new, modern opera house.

Let some capitalist give it to us as a Christmas present.

Work Has Begun.

Positively, absolutely, work has begun on the new depot. It commenced yesterday. Surveyors were on the site making all necessary preparations for grading &c. It is understood now that there will be no let up until a building arises on that spot.

New Advertisements.

See adv. "Notice to the Members of the Next House of Representatives."

COMING AND GOING.

Some of the Folks You Know and Their Doings.

Hon. F. M. Simmons, of Winston, is here.

Dr. E. S. Foster, of Louisville, is in the city.

Rev. N. B. Cobb went to Goldsboro yesterday.

Mrs. Cal. Upchurch is visiting at Forestville.

H. W. Whedbee, Esq., of Greenville, is in town.

Prof. C. C. Holden has gone north on a holiday tour.

Mr. C. M. Hawkins went up the R. & G. road yesterday.

Maj. Jno. W. Scott, of Sanford, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. Jno. C. Englehard is visiting here during the holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Cherry, of Greenville, is registered at the Yarbore.

Dr. J. H. London has gone to Pittsboro to spend the holidays.

Miss Lucy Brooks is on a Christmas visit to her home in Kinston.

Miss Nettie Marshall went to Pittsboro yesterday to spend the holidays.

Evangelist W. P. Fife passed through yesterday en route for Franklinton.

Rev. B. B. Culbreth, pastor of the Warren circuit, was here yesterday.

Gov. Fowle left yesterday for Georgetown, S. C., where he will spend Christmas.

Prof. W. C. Brewer, of Wake Forest college, was in the city yesterday morning.

Miss Minnie Tucker has come from school in Baltimore to spend the holidays here.

Judge N. J. Riddick left yesterday morning for Gates county, where he will spend Christmas.

Mrs. Mills H. Brown has gone to Statesville to attend the bedside of her mother, who is sick.

Miss Alice G. G. Cary, who has been here for some days past, returned to her home yesterday.

Mr. E. S. Abell, who has been here for the past two days, returned to his home in Smithfield yesterday.

Prof. Jno. Miller, of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, went to his home in Goldsboro yesterday to spend the holidays.

Miss Mamie Heartt, of Durham, and her guest, Miss Irving Scales, of Greensboro, who have been visiting here, returned to Durham yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Banks, formerly of Wake, now a prominent contractor of Roanoke, Va., is here visiting friends. He has been absent from Wake county for seventeen years.

Mr. Francis Womack, who was formerly connected with the drug house of Lee, Johnson & Co., in this city, was here yesterday en route for Pittsboro on a holiday visit.

Dr. D. E. Everitt left yesterday for the western part of the state with gun in hand and dog in the baggage car. While absent he will pay a visit to his sister in Statesville.

Mr. E. W. Rayle, who has for some months been a compositor in the CHRONICLE office, has gone to Norfolk to live. He is cordially commended to the typographical brotherhood.

CHRISTMAS BEGUN.

Destitute Homes to be Gladdened—Warmth and Joy to Fill Cold and Cheerless Hearths.

Christmas work began Monday night at the Baptist Tabernacle.

This was a gift celebration. Everybody who attended carried some donation which is to be given to poor and destitute people through a proper committee. It is clear that many people in Raleigh think it blessed to give, for many went to the "gifting" and carried enough to gladden many homes. There was an abundance of such things as flour in sacks, hams, sugar, coffee, clothing, &c.; and then there was a quantity of toys and play-things for many poor children who would not have known the difference between Christmas and any other day, but for this spontaneous donation party. The cash contribution was also considerable, and this means that cold hearths may be warm and cheerful when the biting cold comes.

Edenton Street Church.

Yesterday from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m., the Cross Bearers' circle of King's Daughters held a gift reception in the bible class rooms for the purpose of receiving donations, which are to be disposed of as suggested above. This reception was encouraged by the church. The callers were numerous, and the donations made will enable the circle to carry sunshine and happiness, for a time at least, into the homes that otherwise would not have experienced either. Provisions, clothing, some delicacies, &c., &c. were received in quite liberal quantities.

First Baptist Church.

The First Baptist church Sunday-school began festivities last night with a splendid Thanksgiving Christmas tree, and some pretty and charming and musical exercises, &c. There was a large crowd in attendance and there was a great distribution of gifts. Old Santa Claus was there, and he just made the little people laugh and scream with delight. A special feature of the Thanksgiving tree was a big bank of good and substantial things for distribution among the poor and needy who come under the notice and care of the church. This distribution is in the hands of the ladies.

Third Baptist Church.

The Sunday-school of this church had the annual Christmas tree last night. It was full of pretty things which old "Santa" took down and distributed amid the unsuppressed shrieks of delight from the little folks.

Weather Report.

Raleigh yesterday: Maximum temperature 62; minimum temperature 38; rain-fall, 0.00.

Forecast for Raleigh and vicinity: Fair weather; colder until Friday evening. Cold, northwest wind to-morrow; Christmas day cold and clear.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

Exercises and Programmes of Some of the Churches and Sunday Schools.

To-morrow is Christmas.

The happy season has already inspired happy work and anticipations.

As in every good movement, the churches and Sunday-schools will lead in the happy celebration of the day. The plans and projects of the Sunday-schools and churches have already been announced, but below some of them are more fully particularized, while others are repeated in brief.

Christ Church.

At Christ church, Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., rector, there will be morning service, with celebration of the holy communion at 11 a. m.

The choir will be Mrs. F. H. Busbee, Mrs. T. R. Jernigan, Miss Maud Marshall, Miss Josephine Smith, sopranos; Mrs. E. D. Barnes, Miss Maggie Cowper, altos; Mr. E. J. Harding, Mr. J. Anderson, basses; Prof. A. Pauli, tenor, with Miss Olivia Cowper as organist and director.

The following selections will be given: Opening anthem, Gloria in Excelsis, Duet, Buck.

Venite in D, Flagler.

Gloria Patri, 1, 2, 3. Flagler.

Te Deum in E flat, Baumbach.

Jubilant Deo in B flat, Goriush.

Introit, Hymn 23, "Shout the Glad Tidings."

Gloria Tibi, Tallis.

Hymn 25, Adagio Fidele.

Ascription after sermon. Doxology. Offertory, It Came upon the Midnight Clear, G. W. Warren.

Sanctus, Cambridge.

Hymn 207, "Bread of the World," Dodge.

Gloria in Excelsis, ancient chant. Postlude, Organ Voluntary.

Church of the Good Shepherd.

On Friday afternoon old "Santa Claus" will give to the Sunday-school children a great Christmas tree in the Governor's Guard's armory. He will have lots of pretty presents for all the little boys and girls, and for some grown people too.

Baptist Tabernacle.

On Friday night there will be a beautiful Christmas exercise—"St. Nicholas and Father Time." Both those famous personages will figure in the scenes and tableaux of the exercise. It includes rich Christmas music and some interesting dialogues between "Father Time" and "Santa Claus."

First Baptist Church.

On Christmas morning there will be a Christmas Missionary concert in the main audience room of the church. There will be appropriate musical service, and addresses by Dr. J. J. Hall and Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter.

Central Methodist Church.

On Wednesday night "Santa Claus" will be at this Sunday school, and will give a grand Christmas carnival for everybody. There will be presents for little folks and big folks.

COL. A. B. ANDREWS.

Come Up to Raleigh, Bro. Argus, and We Will Introduce You to Our Progressive Citizen.

(Goldsboro Argus.)

At Battery Park, we saw—but did not have the pleasure of making his acquaintance—Col. A. B. Andrews, 2nd Vice President of the Richmond & Danville railroad, that has done and is doing so much for the development of Western North Carolina. We might have met Col. Andrews, for he has about him the air of a gentleman easy to approach, but diffidence is one of our many "failings" and, consequently, we preferred to linger on the circumference of the circle of acquaintances in converse with him and listen to what he had to say. He is a very handsome man, in the very prime of life, and has stamped upon his countenance the possession of intellectual force. He is gifted with all the winning politeness of the ideal Southerner and, while very practical, is earnest and eloquent in pleading the cause of his profession. A railroad of the first magnitude, such as is the Richmond & Danville, requires almost every talent in its advancement and in its educating influences—its broadening scope of vision and progress, and Col. Andrews has brought to his high position, won by merit and approached by gradual advancement, many useful and brilliant accomplishments, and which, we are persuaded, he uses as well for the people as for the great and growing railroad of which he stands so near the very head.

SUPREME COURT.

Opinions filed on yesterday.

Loak vs. Gay, petition to rehear Spencer's appeal dismissed.

State vs. Hoover, Mecklenburg; error. Costen vs. McDowell, Cleveland; no error.

Bristol vs. Pearson, Burke; error. Thompson vs. Telegraph Company, Caswell; petition to rehear allowed.

Simpson vs. Simpson, Union; error. Bean vs. Railroad, Buncombe; no error.

State vs. Whitaker, Surry; no error. State vs. Hawn, Catawba; no error. Jenkins vs. Wilkinson, Gaston; no error.

State vs. Parks, Randolph, new trial. Benner vs. Rinehart, Haywood; error.

State vs. Ferguson, Mecklenburg; error. State vs. Penley, Buncombe; no error. Clemmons vs. Archbill, Buncombe; new trial.

State vs. Howell, Montgomery; no error.

Died Last Night.

About a week ago there was a row in a house of ill-repute near the union depot, in which a negro woman, Harrison by name, was shot. Nobody was arrested at the time. The woman died last night from the effects of the wound. Sufficient particulars which might lead to arrest, do not seem to be known.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by John Y. MacRae.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Wanted.

A drug clerk of experience and ability desires a position. Best references given. Apply to "W" at CHRONICLE office. 1W.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

Bids on Juniper Poles, 28 to 35 feet long, 8 inches in diameter at the small end. Mail bids to F. P. Lewis, Raleigh, N. C. Poles to be delivered within the next twenty days. F. P. Lewis, dec23-20c.

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Children's Ready-Made Dresses.

An elegant lot of these garments. During Tuesday and Wednesday the lot at HALF PRICE.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

25 C. Will get you 12 Cards, elegantly written. Black cards written in white. All the rage! Give me an order and see how nice they are.

G. P. JONES, Raleigh, N. C. dec11-1m

"Compliments of the Season"

Is a very fine smoker, 25 in a box. Also "Live Indian," and other brands of cigars.

At EBERHARDT & PESCU'S

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

Gents' Holiday Shippers.

Just opened a beautiful line of Gents' Shippers, manufactured by J. C. Bennett, in Black and Russet Ooze Calf, Maroon Goat, &c. A very desirable gift.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

Wanted.

Five thousand sticks of post oak, white oak, cedar, cypress or juniper, six feet long, six inches across the small end. Send proposals for any part or all of them, stating when they can be delivered to

JONES & POWELL, Raleigh, N. C.

For Winter Mornings.

Buckwheat and Maple Syrup, choicest Molasses and Breakfast Bacon, Broiling Beef, Finest Butter, Coffee, Chocolates, Breakfast Tea and all other essentials for a well furnished table.

EBERHARDT & PESCU.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

We have made extraordinary efforts to make the grandest display of goods appropriate to this, the holiday season; if the multitudes which have thronged our store, are any indication, then we have succeeded better than ever before.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

Notice.

OFFICE OF THE N. C. CAR CO., RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 15, 1890.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina Car Company will be held at the office of the company in this city on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 1891, at 12 o'clock m.

JOHN WARD, Sec'y.

Notice!

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina at its next session to incorporate a company with power to do a general banking business at Raleigh, and with all the powers usually granted to such corporations.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

French China.

Many odd pieces of Fine Decorated China, single Cups and Saucers, Chocolate and Tea Pots, Cheese Dishes, Salad Bowls, Chocolate and after dinner Coffees &c. &c.

An almost bewildering display of every thing in the way of China ware.

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Are You Buying

Christmas presents? If so, buy good, substantial things that your friends will be able to use many times after Christmas. At Swindell's you can get a real handsome clock cheap. At Swindell's you can get a nice silk umbrella real cheap. At Swindell's you can get a pair of shoes, nice ones, for a small price; and by all means get a suit of nice clothes or an overcoat. Get a dress pattern, At Swindell's you can get a nice, all-wool carpet for much less money than you ever dreamed of. At Swindell's you can get any article in jewelry you may want and for a small price. At Swindell's you can find a complete stock of silk handkerchiefs and any kind of perfume you may want, and all kinds of toilet soap. You can get a nice rug at Swindell's. Get a man's hat or get a lady's hat, at

Phone 113. SWINDELL'S.

The Washington and South Western Vestibule Limited.

The close of the holiday season will witness a new departure in railroading, by the inauguration of Daily Vestibule Limited Trains from the National Capital to one of the most important commercial and railroad centers of the South.

Set, this Company will place in service between Washington and Atlanta, via Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte, and Spartanburg, Fast Limited Cars built expressly for the service.

These magnificent trains will leave Washington, D. C., every day at 11:34 a. m., arriving in Atlanta, Ga., at 6 o'clock the following morning, and returning upon a similar schedule of arrival and departure.

Equipment unrivalled! Accommodations unsurpassed! SOL HAAS, Traffic Manager. JAS. L. TAYLOR, Gen'l Pass. Agt.

The First Step.

Perhaps you are run down, can't eat, can't sleep, can't think, can't do anything to your satisfaction, and you wonder what ails you. You should heed the warning; you are taking the first step towards Nervous Prostration. You need a Nerve Tonic, and in Electric Bitters you will find the exact remedy for restoring your nervous system to its normal, healthy condition. Surprising results follow the use of this great Nerve Tonic and Alternative. Your appetite returns, good digestion is restored, and the Liver and Kidneys resume healthy action. Try a bottle. Price 50c., at John Y. MacRae's drug-store.

THE WORLD'S COMMERCE.

New York, December 23.—Messrs. Hubbard, Price & Company in their cotton circular to-night say: "A slight reaction at the opening was the best that the market would do in face of the heavy receipts at the ports and the anticipated tender of cotton on January contracts. The transferring of the January purchases to the more distant deliveries has been the feature of the day, as the exporters, who have contracts for the shipment of cotton during January are not disposed to take up deliveries here when they can buy to better advantage in the south, as is proved by the large amount of cotton pointing this way." After the sharp decline of the past two days in the surroundings to induce spinners to change the opinion they have formed that the supply of cotton is larger than their needs.

Receipts at the ports to-day were estimated at 50,000 bales, against 54,412 bales last week, and 55,428 bales the same week last year.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 9 1/4; sales 79 bales.

Transactions in futures to-day were — bales.

Futures closed 5 to 11 points lower, as follows:

December..... 8 82-84
January..... 9 84-85
February..... 9 04-05
March..... 9 17-18
April..... 9 29-30
May..... 9 39-40
June..... 9 49-50
July..... 9 57-58
August..... 9 57-59
September..... 9 38-40

Cotton.

City..... Sale..... Tons..... Market..... Rect..... Exp.....

Galveston..... 719 Dull..... 9 1-4..... 5048.....
Norfolk..... 1800 Dull..... 9 0-0..... 3071.....
Baltimore..... Dull..... 9 1-8.....
Boston..... Dull..... 9 5-16.....
New York..... Dull..... 9 3-4..... 744.....
Philadelphia..... Dull..... 9 3-4..... 152.....
Savannah..... 1025 Dull..... 8 1-2..... 5963..... 1448.....
New Orleans..... 500 Quiet..... 8 13-16..... 2715..... 14627.....
Mobile..... 800 Easy..... 8 7-8..... 6548.....
Memphis..... 4700 Easy..... 9 15-16..... 6140.....
Augusta..... 1333 Quiet..... 9 0-0..... 2228.....
Louisville..... Dull..... 9 1-4.....
St. Louis..... 1200 Dull..... 8 15-16..... 3522.....
Charleston..... 800 Steady..... 9 1-2..... 3268..... 5164.....
Cincinnati..... Steady..... 9 1-4..... 10798.....

In Liverpool to-day spot cotton was steady; middling uplands 5 3-16d; sales 7,000 bales.

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